

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP:

Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING:

Wednesday, March 1, 2006, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2nd Floor, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Mike Eckert, Dennis Scheer and Gordon Scholz; (JoAnne Kissel, Third World Oforah, Scott Sullivan and Kim Todd absent).

Others: Lonnie Peters (Selective Site Consultants, Inc.); Doug Dolan (Dolan Realty Advisors); Eileen Bergt (Landscape Architect); Jim Mannel, Dan Wesolowski, Ken Rittgarn of LES; Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Urban Design Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Approval of meeting notes of February 1, 2006

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting notes were not voted upon.

Landscape design for LES substation at 40th and Rokeby Road

Bergt stated that she is working with Lincoln Electric System on the landscape screening at the substation at 40th and Rokeby Road. On the north and west sides of the property, there is going to be a residential subdivision built, so they would like to start planting as soon as possible. The site is on a hillside and the substation has been cut into the site. The property line on the north and west is high so they are planting along the property line with fairly large trees. On the street side, they have some overstory shade trees and ornamental trees. On the south side, they have lines that may be coming out in the future so they are putting in some ornamental trees and evergreen trees. As 40th Street gets developed, there is a possibility that the south property line will be developed with a road. So there is a future entrance road that they want to leave open. Plantings include Norway spruces, bur oaks, Kentucky coffee trees, and crab apple trees.

Scheer asked how the site gets seeded. Bergt stated that it is seeded now with a fescue green. Scheer stated that from a planting perspective, he would not change anything. He feels the plantings selected are good. Eckert stated that he agrees.

Scholz asked if they feel the screening is adequate if a bike path were put in along 40th Street. Bergt stated that she feels it would be sufficient.

Scheer stated that since there is not a quorum, they cannot make a motion. As there were no negative comments, Zimmer stated that they can move forward with the project.

Monopole for wireless communication antennae, Irving Middle School, 21st and Van Dorn Street

Dolan stated that Verizon is striving to provide the best wireless coverage for Lincoln and a gaping hole exists near Irving School. They have had a difficult time finding a location that is suitable to the City and the neighborhood. They have approached Lincoln Public Schools and discussed a possible location at Irving Middle School. But it has come to their attention that there is too much maintenance cost because of all the antennas. They are proposing a 150' monopole. The antennas on the monopole will be flush-mounted which has a slimmer profile than a traditional style antenna. He presented some photos with the proposed monopole depicted.

Zimmer stated that Irving was the first antenna installation on an LPS school. There is an incredible amount of cabling on the roof and the maintenance staff is anxious about having another antenna on the roof. The goal is to have the other antennas relocate to the monopole.

Dolan stated that the cabling will all be contained inside the monopole. There is also an equipment shelter. There are several options regarding fencing and landscaping.

Scheer stated that from the Van Dorn side, this is not as obtrusive as it could be. And from the neighborhood side, it is about the best situation we could hope for.

Dolan also noted that the monopole has GPS tracking for use in locating callers in 911 emergencies.

Eckert expressed his desire to have the flush-mounted system.

Scholz asked if they have talked to the neighborhood. Dolan stated that they have not. Zimmer stated that LPS will facilitate discussions with the neighborhood.

Scholz inquired about the possibility of having some landscaping which would help screen it. Peters stated that they are open to landscaping suggestions.

Scheer stated that he feels this is the best site for the area.

Misc.

Zimmer stated that he will begin working on the Downtown Design Standards soon.

Next month, the Stories of Home art project will be reviewed by the Committee. They are not seeking to display any of those works outside. The only language in the City ordinance regarding appropriateness and quality of materials rests with this Committee. The City's concern is that a community art project have a review process and a way of representing the community.

Parks and Recreation will also present some information on the Antelope Valley project at the April meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.